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2. [redacted] Called Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, for clarification as to plans for the Director's 1 June appearance before the Special Group.

3. [redacted] Ralph Preston called to say he had talked with Chairman Mahon and the Chairman has decided he would like to have the Director brief the Special Group on the Agency budget at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, 1 June, following his morning session with the Group on the intelligence community budget.

4. [redacted] John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called to say he would like [redacted] me to drop by tomorrow morning to discuss a problem the Committee is having in mark up of the Southeast Asian procurement bill. [redacted]

[redacted] I reminded Goldsmith that Vang Pao would be in town next week and his schedule was free during the late afternoon of Thursday, 8 June. I said [redacted] had mentioned this to Ed Braswell, of the Committee staff, and there was some thought Senator Stennis might like to meet Vang Pao and invite a few interested members to meet him. Goldsmith said he would discuss this with Braswell and call us back.

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25X1 6. [] Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, called shortly before lunch and said Chairman Mahon would like to talk with the Director about the possibility of the Agency giving the House Appropriations Committee Special Group on Intelligence a briefing at 11 a.m. tomorrow. The Director subsequently talked with Mahon and agreed to his request.

25X1 7. [] [] [] STAT called to say the best time for General Vang Pao to meet with Senators Stennis and a selected group of Senators was on the afternoon of Thursday, 8 June after 3 p.m.

25X1 8. [] [] and I met with Mr. Robert Mosbacher, Legislative Assistant to Senator Howard Baker (R., Tenn.), and provided him with the text of a fall-back position on the dissemination of information provision (section 205) of S. 3526 in the event the Senator is defeated on his amendment to strike the entire section. We discussed the strategy for the handling of this amendment which will come up on the Senate floor tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Mosbacher said he would like someone to be just off the Senate floor to give him advice and assistance if he should need it and arrangements have been made with USIA to provide this assistance. 25X1

25X1 9. [] Following our meeting with Mosbacher, I talked with Mr. Marshall Wright, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, Colonel L. J. Dalferes, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), and Mr. Eugene Kopp, USIA, in an effort to increase everyone's efforts to obtain support for this amendment and Senator Scott's amendment to strike section 405(a) of the bill which would impose a 10 percent cut on U.S. personnel abroad.

25X1 10. [] [] and I met with Mr. Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and urged him to make every effort to get support from Committee members for the Scott and Baker amendments to S. 3526. We pointed out that passage of the Scott amendment striking all of section 405(a) would make it unnecessary for Senator Stennis to have to request a special exemption for the Agency. Braswell said he would weigh in on this and would ask Stennis to solicit all the support he could on the floor also.

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25X1 8. [] Met with Mr. William Hogan, House Armed Services Committee staff, who told me that Chairman Nedzi would like to schedule Agency witnesses for testimony on security classification for Tuesday morning, 9 May, at 10:00 in Room 2339 Rayburn House Office Building. Mr. Hogan told me that Chairman Nedzi had just determined the time for hearing this afternoon and hoped the Committee hearing schedule could be met by the Agency witnesses. I later confirmed the time with Mr. Hogan. See Mr. Maury's Journal concerning conversations with Frank Slatinshek.

25X1 9. [] Virginia Ward, in the office of Representative Jerome Waldie (D., Calif.), called concerning a letter from a constituent who was inquiring as to the status of a security clearance which the constituent had for her past employment with ATT and Western Union. I advised Miss Ward that the clearance undoubtedly was not now active. However, it was probably granted by the Department of Defense and I suggested that she contact the Defense Legislative Liaison office.

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25X1 10. (U [] Delivered [] items in which their names were mentioned to the following Senators: George McGovern (D., S. Dak.), Clifford Case (R., N. J.) and Edward Kennedy (D., Mass.).

25X1 11. [] Met with Al Westphal, Staff Consultant, House Foreign Affairs Committee, and summarized our problems with section 205 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1972 (S. 3526). Westphal appreciated our alerting him to this potential problem, said he was confident that the House conferees (probably Morgan, Hays, Fascell, Mailliard, and Frelinghuysen) would support our position and recommended that we explain our position to the House conferees and provide them with language which would suit our interest as soon as the measure clears the Senate floor. Westphal also asked that we give him whatever we intend to give the conferees and I said we would do this and would appreciate any comments he might have. Westphal also said he had just completed writing the committee report of the House version of S. 3526 and that the bill was a straight authorization for funds and sets the stage for striking or amending section 205 when the measure reaches the conference committee.

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25X1 1. [] Met with Representative William L. Dickinson (R., Ala.) in response to his earlier request and gave him a copy of the Director's anecdote about the Russian peasant, the frozen bird, and the wolf. Representative Dickinson said that the Director told an anecdote in the February briefing about a meeting between Mr. Kuznetsov, of the Soviet foreign office, and Mr. John McCloy at the end of the Cuban missile crises in 1962 and said he would appreciate a copy of Mr. Kuznetsov's statement. On a separate matter, he told me he is a delegate to the Geneva Disarmament Conference and will be travelling to Geneva later this year. He told me he had attended the meetings on biological agents and was looking forward to this session on chemical agents. In this regard he asked if we could brief him on why the Soviets have been most adamant in their position on ABMs noting that they have their ring around Moscow while we are only talking about two units. I told him I would relay his request and be back in touch with him.

25X1 2. [] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriation Committee staff, who told me he is still rearranging the Committee schedule to allow his visit to the Agency on Friday morning, 5 May. In response to his earlier request, I briefed him on some of the details of the meeting he had missed with Bill Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, on 5 April 1972.

25X1 3. [] I talked to Mr. Charles Andrews, of Columbia Reporting Co., and made arrangements for secure handling of the notes and transcript of the Agency briefing of the House Armed Services Committee. Mr. Andrews noted he has a present shortage of typists and may require more than one day to complete the transcript. He expects that the reporter for tomorrow's session will be Miss Claire Ring, one of their more experienced secretaries. Miss Ring's TS clearance with DOD is being verified.

25X1 4. [] Talked to Lt. Saunders, House Armed Services Committee Security Officer, and arranged for access to the Committee hearing room for sweep of the room and for use of the large back-view screen and viewgraph projector during the briefing.

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25X1 13. [] A letter from Mr. Maury to Senator William Saxbe (R., Ohio), responding to an inquiry from a constituent, was delivered to Miss Peggy Rakestraw, member of the staff. The constituent had forwarded an article alleging the creation of a secret intelligence organization in the United States. The article appeared in a French newspaper.

25X1 14. [] Joann, in the office of Representative John Heinz (R., Pa.), called concerning a letter received from a constituent, [] of Pittsburgh. The Constituent claimed he had written a letter to the Agency requesting information on the structure of the Soviet Air Force but as yet had received no reply. Joann inquired as to whether the letter had been received and could such information be furnished. Angus Thuermer had no record of receipt of such a letter, and determined from Bruce Clarke that we would not be able to provide the information. Mr. Clarke was sure that the Air Force could provide [] in unclassified paper. Joann was subsequently called and advised accordingly. She appreciated our efforts and will so inform []

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25X1 15. [] Mr. Charles W. Mattox, International Division, General Accounting Office, called and said he would like to meet with someone from the Agency on an informal basis concerning CIA compliance with section 402 of Public Law 92-226, which deals with grants of excess defense articles to foreign countries. Mattox explained that the International Division was contacting several other Federal agencies in this regard, including the Department of Defense. I told Mr. Mattox I would pass on his request. [] OGC, Mr. Blake, Director of Logistics, and [] FE Division, were advised.

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25X1 16. [] Called Linn Noah, USIA, in connection with the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee markup of the State/USIA authorization bill (S. 3526) to determine if the House bill would contain a provision similar to section 205, Restrictions on Preparation and Dissemination of Information Abroad. Mr. Noah said he would find out and let us know.

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25X1 15. [] Met with Representative Barry Goldwater, Jr. in response to his request for a general nonsensitive briefing on the Agency. Since the briefing dealt with no operational matters, I offered no objection to the inclusion of a couple members of his staff. His questions concerned particularly the relation of the Agency with other members of the community, the problems of coordination and duplication, and our general assessment of the effectiveness of the RIS.

25X1 16. [] Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, called to say that Chairman Stennis was "much disillusioned about the military briefings he was getting regarding Vietnam and was wondering how he could get a more objective picture of the situation there. Braswell said he had suggested that he might want a briefing from CIA, but Stennis had not immediately followed up on this. Braswell said before pursuing the matter further he wanted our views and wondered whether it might be more helpful to show him our situation reports. I said I thought the Chairman could get a better perspective by an oral briefing by George Carver, SAVA, but that I would take the matter up with the Director.

Braswell said he would like some additional backup material for the Chairman's possible use in seeking an exemption for CIA to a 10% cut in official overseas U.S. personnel, which [] provided. 25X1

After discussing the matter with the Director, I called Braswell back to say we suggested that George Carver provide the Chairman with a general briefing on the military situation in Vietnam. Braswell will let us know what the Chairman would like.

25X1 17. [] Met with Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, who said the full Committee would like a briefing from the Agency in the next two or three days on the situation in Vietnam. He said several members such as Representative Leggett, had been increasingly skeptical of the information they were getting from Defense briefers, including Admiral Moorer who had been providing them with briefings on Vietnam in the past few days. We discussed the pros and cons of whether such a briefing should be provided by the Director or George Carver and Slatinshek thought Carver would probably be acceptable. I said I would take the matter up with the Director and let him know the results. He cautioned that because of the controversy in the Committee, and critical attitude toward the Pentagon, things might get a little strained on this subject.

Slatinshek said he had already been briefed by the Navy on a recent sensitive item regarding Soviet naval activity in Cuba.

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